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SUBJ: REUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR POLOFF

ALFRED M. LEHN

1. ALFRED M. LEHN, FSO-6, RECENTLY ARRIVED AT POST FOLLOWOWING WEEKS INDONESIAN LANGUAGE TRAINING AT FSI, AT CONCLUSION OF WHICH LEHN EVALUATED AT 3-PLUS/3-PLUS LEVEL. THIS LEVEL ADEQUATE TO COVER NORMAL POLITICAL SECTION CONACTS IN FONMIN, OTHER GOI AGENCIES, POLITICAL PARTIES AND PRESS.

2. LEHN HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN TWO OTHER SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES, HOWEVE, FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRAINING DEEMED HIGHLY DESIRABLE. HE WILL BE PRINCIPAL POLOFF COVERING STUDENT/YOUTH AFFAIRS, WHERE MORE COLLOQUIAL FACILITY IN LUANGAGE CRUCIAL TO SUCCESSFUL CONTACT. HE WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING TRIPS OF AMBASSADOR AND OTHER SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICIALS OUTSIDE OF JAKARTA, WHERE FACILITY IN LANGUAGE MANDATORY FOR REPRESENTATIONAL, AS WELL AS SUBSTATIVE, REASONS.

3. TO PROVIDE THIS INCREASED LEVEL OF LANGUAGE CAPABILITY, AMBASSADOR RQUESTS FUNDING FROM FSI FOR TWO MONTH INTENSIVE, ON-SITE LANGUAGE TRAINING IN EITHER BANDUNG OR JOGJAKARTA FOR MR. LEHN. FORMER POLOFFS KEITH GUTHRIE AND DICK BAKER, AS WELL AS AL GRIFFIN OF USIS, HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCH TRAINING, AND BOTH THE PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR SUPERVISORS REQGRDED IT OF GREAT VALUE IN CARRYING OUT THEIR FUNCTIONS. IN ADDITION TO THE INCREASED LANUAGE CAPABILITY, RESIDENCE IN UNIVERSITY CITY PROVIDED INVALUABLE

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4. AS CALCULATED BY POST LANGUAGE OFFICER, ESTIMATED COST FOR TWO MONTH COURSE, COVERING BOTH TEACHER'S SALARIES AND REDUCED PER DIEM FOR LEHN, WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$1,800.

5. THE AMBASSADOR URGES QUICK, AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST, SO THAT MAXIMUM BENEFITS OF TRAINING CAN BE GAINED BY POST PRIOR TO 1977 ELECTIONS.

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